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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, first of all, to the men and women of the United States military, how shameful it is to use you. You will be paid. And it is important to note that the Democratic Party, our leadership, is focusing on making sure your families are taken care of.

This is a debate about ensuring domestic spending so that you have education dollars for your children—sadly, some of our soldiers are on food stamps—the CHIP program to be fully funded and made permanent, and veterans benefits to continue.

It is shameful.

When I was growing up, the way to use language against a person running for office was for them to be called an “N lover” or for them to advocate for integrated schools or use the race card.

Now, today, the person who has the highest office in the land is using the race card; and, sadly, congressional Republican Members and leadership are using it by way of illegal immigration in a political ad that has just come out to say that we are responsible for killings by illegal immigrants.

DREAMers are not illegal immigrants. They are Americans. They are soldiers. They are doctors and lawyers. They are my neighbors. They are my interns.

And I am saddened by this. I want the American people to know that the best moral stance to be is where the Democratic leadership is because we are standing for all of America, and we will continue to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to bring up H.R. 4872, the End the Shutdown Act of 2018, a continuing resolution that would immediately reopen the government through Tuesday while negotiations continue on a budget agreement that adheres to parity and on other critical issues to stop the Trump shutdown.

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FIFTY-ONE PERCENT IS A MAJORITY

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my friend, Sammy Mahon, from Baytown, Texas, drives a jet-black Peterbilt tractor all over America, and he asked this logical question: Why does it take 60 votes for the Senate to make a decision?

He said: Well, the rule—I can't really say what he said; I'll just use the word “nutty.”

Why have this rule? We all learned in elementary school that 51 percent is a majority. By requiring 60 votes to

make a decision, government is ruled by the few, not the majority; thus, a handful of Senators can block progress.

The result? The government is shut down. The military is not paid. Lovely.

The Senate inconsistently allows the majority rule in some votes but, on others, 60 percent. The Senate should strongly consider what Sammy thinks about this archaic rule: make a decision with 50 percent, regardless of what party is in charge.

Sammy is right. This undemocratic rule is nutty. The sky will not fall if the Senate makes decisions by majority rule.

And that is just the way it is.

COMMANDING MAJORITIES IN CONGRESS

(Mr. RASKIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, a century ago, William Butler Yeats wrote a poem called “The Second Coming,” in which he said: “Things fall apart; the centre will not hold; mere anarchy is loosed upon the world.” But in America, that is not our destiny. We can make sure things don't fall apart. We can make sure that the center will hold.

Let's move beyond the blame game, and let's identify the moral center and common ground for reopening the government and moving America forward.

Commanding majorities in Congress and in the public want to reauthorize and fund the CHIP program and guarantee healthcare for our kids. We should do this for a 10-year period and save \$6 billion over a mere short-term extension.

Commanding majorities in Congress and the public favor reauthorization and funding of the community health centers which are indispensable for both children's and adult health.

Commanding majorities in the public and in Congress favor passing a clean Dream Act for 800,000 DREAMers who are contributing to our communities and in school and serving our country.

And all of us must favor a return to regular order and a fair and transparent budget process that allows all of our agencies, from NIH and NOAA to the DOD, to plan for the effective delivery of public services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent now to bring up H.R. 4872, the End the Shutdown Act of 2018, a continuing resolution that would immediately reopen the government through Tuesday while negotiations continue on a budget agreement that adheres to parity and addresses the other critical issues facing the country.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair has previously advised, that request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

SCHUMER SHUTDOWN

(Mrs. WAGNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I am frustrated, I am fed up, and I am concerned for our soldiers, their families, my constituents, and all Americans. People are filled with uncertainty. They are confused, and, honestly, so am I.

CHUCK SCHUMER and the Senate Democrats shut down the government over a deadline that does not exist. They voted against a bill they have no issues with. Democrats have recklessly put 9 million children at risk of losing their health insurance. Over 2 million members of our military, the men and women who risk their lives to protect us, are not being paid.

It is time for Senate Democrats to join us and reopen the government. They need to join us in passing the Children's Health Insurance Program, and they need to join us in putting our military readiness, our American soldiers, and our country before political gamesmanship.

Stop the Schumer shutdown.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW

(Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I want to speak candidly and directly to the American people.

There are many, many issues that we agree upon, Republicans and Democrats, coming together to solve big challenges.

In my district in New Hampshire, people are dying, and they are dying from an emergency that did not exist—a continuing resolution will not solve their problem—and that is the opioid epidemic that hits districts all across this country. People are dying, families are suffering, and our communities are hurting.

We need to come together, and we can. We have a bipartisan task force with 100 Members of Congress, Republicans and Democrats. Just this week, 50 Members, Republicans and Democrats, came together to ask for funding for this emergency crisis.

We ask the President: Extend the emergency. We need to fund, and now is the time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent, please, together, Republicans and Democrats, bring up H.R. 4872, the End the Shutdown Act of 2018, a continuing resolution that would immediately reopen the government through Tuesday while we continue negotiations on a budget agreement that adheres to parity and other critical issues like this opioid epidemic. This is urgent. Please, I ask my brothers and sisters on both sides of the aisle.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair has previously advised, that request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHN ANDRIST

(Mr. CRAMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, John Andrist, a North Dakota State senator from Crosby for 22 years, died last week on Wednesday. He was a patriotic American who loved his Lord, loved his country, loved his State, and loved his community. John was a strong conservative who exercised his convictions with grace and facilitated dignified deliberations.

While John made a mark as a public servant at many levels, it was his work as a newspaperman that leaves the most impressive legacy. His columns were sometimes provocative, always profound, but never mean.

John was the president of the North Dakota Newspaper Association in 1970 and, in 1989, became the only North Dakotan ever elected president of the National Newspaper Association. John was inducted into the North Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2000 and received the national association's award for distinguished service. Distinguished service is the perfect description for John.

While he is being laid to rest this weekend because his servant's heart has stopped beating, his legacy lives on in his words and his witness to decency. May we all strive to his very high standard of statesmanship.

God rest your soul, John. I love you.

LET'S END THE TRUMP SHUTDOWN

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, well, it is day two of the Trump shutdown, the first government shutdown in history when one party has control of the House, the Senate, and the White House. But I believe that the issues at the heart of this debate actually have support from a majority of Americans and a majority in Congress. So I ask my Republican colleagues:

Who are the 218 Republicans who would vote against funding community health centers as well as the Children Health Insurance Program?

Who are the 218 Republicans who oppose addressing veterans' programs, workers' pensions, and the opioid epidemic?

And, yes, who are the 218 Republicans who would vote against the young DACA recipients and the Dream Act?

We don't lack votes. We lack willingness from President Trump and Republican leadership to negotiate.

I am here. We are here ready to work. The Democrats want to come together with the Republicans on a bipartisan deal to end the Trump shutdown.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to bring up H.R. 4872, the End the Shutdown Act of 2018, a continuing res-

olution that would immediately reopen the government through Tuesday while negotiations continue on a budget agreement that adheres to parity and on other critical issues.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair has previously advised, that request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN COUNT

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the American people can count. Forty-four Senate Democrats voted to shut down the government. Ten times as many Democrats as Republicans supported denying funds to our military, to children's healthcare, and to everyday Americans.

The Senate Democrats must be held accountable. Their actions halted government services. They can't blame anyone else.

The numbers don't lie, and the American people can count. Forty-four Senate Democrats voted to shut down the government. Let's hope they change their minds and vote to get back to work. We have much to do to make America great.

DEMOCRATS CAN'T GET A VOTE ON ENDING THE TRUMP SHUTDOWN

(Mr. TED LIEU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I served on Active Duty. I want a functioning government. But yet we are in day two of the Trump shutdown.

How did we get here?

Well, Republicans control the House, they control the Senate, they control the White House, and they could not come up with a bill that would pass both Houses, signed by the President. In fact, the harmful House CR was rejected by the U.S. Senate on a bipartisan basis. It couldn't even get to 51 votes.

But Democrats have a variety of ideas to reopen government, and we can't even get a vote on it because we don't control the floor, we don't control the agenda, and we do not control this government.

And watch this: my request to reopen the government won't even get a vote. Watch this request get shut down.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to bring up H.R. 4872, the End the Shutdown Act of 2018, a continuing resolution that would immediately reopen the government through Tuesday while negotiations continue on a long-term budget agreement that adheres to parity and on other critical issues.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair has previously advised, that re-

quest cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND RELEASE OF FISA DOCUMENTS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we are starting hour 39 of the Schumer shutdown weekend.

I would like everybody to understand that this is a 4-week spending bill—4 weeks. It has nothing to do with the March 5 deadline for DACA, has nothing to do with DACA at all. Indeed, it is just to keep the government running. So, if we get 9 or 10 Senators on the Democratic side to realize it has nothing to do with DACA, maybe we can go on and do the people's business.

That said, many of my constituents are calling up, asking about the FISA documents, the FISA memo. I do want to see them put out in front of the public, and the supporting documents that go with them, after having had a chance to look at those confidential documents earlier downstairs.

But I also want us to be confident in the process that Chairman BOB GOODLATTE, Chairman TREY GOWDY, and Intelligence Committee Chairman DEVIN NUNES have in place to do this methodically and carefully, because we want to be sure these documents are brought forward and used in a way that is most advantageous to get to the truth. So part of that will entail that we need a special counsel to investigate and not have the DOJ and FBI investigate themselves.

PASS A BUDGET

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the previous speaker said this is a 4-week budget for the government, and another speaker said they have done their job.

The most basic function of the majority party who controls the House, the Senate, and the White House is to write a permanent, 1-year budget for the Government of the United States. This is the fourth temporary continuing resolution. You are 113 days late.

Now, what is wrong with that?

Well, the Secretary of Defense says operating under a continuing resolution is about as unwise as could be. And you say you are here for the troops? Four weeks, now 18 days, maybe?

It has cost the Pentagon billions. It has cost us \$1.4 billion of lost transportation projects. That is 21,000 jobs. That is hundreds of projects across the country.

Social Security needs new computers. They can't sign a contract to get them.